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Ban On 'Oliver Twist' Run In U.S. Stands

UJA 1951 Goal Is 203 Million; Warburg Succeeds Morgenthau

ATLANTIC CITY—A goal of $203,684,577 was set for the 1951 United Jewish Appeal drive this week at the annual UJA national conference.

The total was some 70 million less than the "target" set at the 1950 convention. Last year's national conclave set up a target of 272 million, rather than a quota as in previous years.

Edward M. M. Warburg was unanimously elected national UJA chairman to succeed Henry Morgenthau, Jr. As head of the Joint Distribution Committee, one of the three constituent agencies of the UJA, Warburg directed a program of aid to more than one million Jews in 25 countries and resettled 600,000 Jews in Israel, the United States and other free countries.

EDWARD M. M. WARBURG
For A Mighty Task

THE AGENCIES

The other two agencies are the United Palestine Appeal and United Service for New Americans.

The delegates reaffirmed the policy of pre-campaign budgeting which was adopted for the 1950 campaign. Under that program, local welfare funds, which handle the annual drives, set aside specific commitments for the UJA in advance of their drives.

Dr. Nahum Goldman, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told delegates that the 1951 budget represented "a ruthless pruning to the point where Israel's newcomers will have to make shift with an irreducible minimum of food, clothing and shelter."

200,000 IN 1951

The budget is based on the assumption that Israel will take in 200,000 migrants in 1951.

William Rosenwald, honorary president of the USNA, said that 20,000 Jewish refugees would enter the United States in 1951.

He said that by the end of 1951, "American Jewish communities will have accomplished the task of absorging nearly 130,000 Jewish survivors since V-E Day."

Collier's Plans Piece On U.S. Judaism

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Colliers magazine is planning a series of articles on religion in the United States, one of which will be devoted to Judaism.

The series will appear in the spring of 1951. In collecting material, the periodical has sent a representative to the Synagogue Council of America for information on the three wings of American Judaism, Rabbi H.E.L. Freund, executive director, reported.

Lipsky Returns As Zionist Council Head

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK — Louis Lipsky withdrew his resignation this week as chairman of the American Zionist Council.

The Zionist Council, coordinating body for all U.S. Zionist parties, said assurances have been given by the parties of their intention to strengthen and support the authority and program of the coordinating body.

LIPSKY

Lipsky resigned three weeks ago with a blast at the "confusions" in American Zionism.

Lipsky said that the misunderstandings that had arisen "have been cleared up" and that "effective cooperation has been assured." Powerful elements in the Zionist Council have sought its dissolution on grounds that the rebirth of Israel had made it superfluous.

Biggest Day School Plans New Institute

MEXICO CITY—Construction began last week on an institute of higher Jewish learning attached to the Yiddish day school here, largest of its kind in the world.

The new building will house a Department of Yiddish philosophy. The day school has 900 pupils.

Texas Chain Drops Plans To Show Controversial British Picture

By LIONEL KOPPMAN
National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The scheduled showing of the controversial British film version of "Oliver Twist" by a Texas theater chain has been cancelled, The POST learned reliably this week.

The two-year ban on the showing of the British-made film in the United States appeared to have been partially lifted when it was reported last week that the movie would be shown in the Lone Star State. The row over the film centered around the J. Arthur Rank version of Fagin, the Jewish character of the Dickens novel.

THE TEXAS DEAL

A spokesman for Eagle-Lion, American distributors for J. Arthur Rank, told The POST that the Interstate Circuit Theaters, largest chain of theaters in Texas, had agreed to exhibit the film "without contract," and asked the film company to get the seal of approval from the Motion Picture Association of America. Most theaters in America will not show films that do not have the MPA seal, the spokesman said.

When the MPA, which is headed by Eric Johnston, refused to give the "Oliver Twist" film a seal, the Interstate Circuit informed Eagle-Lion that it would have to cancel the scheduled showing. Eagle-Lion will appeal the MPA decision, but it was understood that there was little chance that the decision would be reversed.

NOT IN DETROIT

The film company spokesman said that Texas was the only place that the movie had been scheduled to run. He said that he had no knowledge of the film being scheduled for Detroit, as was recently reported. Helen Bowers, film critic of the Detroit Free Press, reported that a local exhibitor was planning to show the film in the near future.

Asked why Eagle-Lion chose the present time to have the controversial picture shown, the spokesman said that the company probably thought that resentment of the film had died down and that it would be all right to show it. He said that he did not know what Eagle-Lion's future plans for the film were.

THEY PROTEST

The MPA decision to withhold its seal has been protested by the National Council on Freedom from Censorship, an affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The film was scheduled for showing at Radio City Music Hall in New York City the latter part of 1948. The New York Board of Rabbis protested the showing, saying that the film was "a vehicle of blatant anti-Semitism." The film was withdrawn and hasn't been exhibited in the U.S. since. The film has also been banned in Quebec.

Only Marine Rabbi Aids Retreating GIs

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Chaplain Garson Goodman of Cleveland, the only rabbi in the U.S. Marine Corps in Korea, maintained contact with American units throughout the retreat to Hamhung, it was disclosed this week.

A report on the activities of the youthful chaplain, made by Pfc. Sam A. Jaffe, Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, was received last week by the National Jewish Welfare Board's division of Religious Activities.

Chaplain Goodman held religious services and extended spiritual comfort to Marine outfits all along the 70 miles from the 10th Corps headquarters to the farthest point of the retreat from the Chinese trap in northeast Korea.

Chaplains Goodman and Milton Rosen of the Army are two of the four on duty in Korea. Chaplain Oscar M. Lifshutz is in Seoul and Chaplain Joseh Messing is in Pusan, the JWB reported. Chaplain Goodman took part in the Inchon invasion.

ACQUITTAL OF ISRAEL GIRL ON RELIGIOUS ISSUE REVERSED

National Jewish Post

HAIFA—A Haifa District Court last week reversed a decision acquitting an Israeli girl of evading military service by a false claim that she was religious.

Shoshana Aharon, 20, had been cleared by Magistrate J. Cohen who ruled that persons who were not observant Jews could still claim to be religious. Under Israel law, Orthodox Jewesses are exempt from military service.

The District Court, by a two to one decision, found the girl guilty of making a false statement. She was fined 25 pounds and given the alternative of two months in prison.

Witnesses at the first trial had testified she had been working in a non-kosher restaurant on the Sabbath. (NJP, Nov. 3).

Judge Yascov Azuley, president of the District Court, favored the girl's acquital.

Twin Parleys Set For N.Y., Chicago To Expand Reconstructionism

By MARC H. TANENBAUM
National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—An unprecedented effort to widen support of the Reconstructionist movement in American Judaism will be started this weekend.

The bid will be made at a meeting of 40 Conservative and Reform rabbis here and 25 in Chicago. The two groups will meet simultaneously to draft "concrete programs for specific activities in which men within the several rabbinical groupings can cooperate."

KAPLAN

In announcing the conferences in the two leading Jewish centers, a Reconstructionist spokesman told The POST his group does not aim to set up a fourth movement in Jewish life nor does it seek to have affiliated rabbis alter their loyalties to their parent rabbinical bodies.

He said that today, more than ever before, there was need to end the duplication of functions and to stimulate combined thinking on religious problems of common concern. He said the twin conferences will seek to achieve those aims.

Opening on Sunday evening, the New York conclave will explore the problem of prayer and synagogue worship. The Chicago meeting will analyze the status of the Sabbath.

The Monday morning meeting in both cities will be devoted to a discussion of the structure of the Reconstructionist movement.

Among the questions with which the parleys will deal are: What organizational structure will make the movement more effective, assuming that Reconstructionism functions as a school of thought and does not wish to be a divisive force in organized American Jewish religious life? Why do many rabbis asknowledge their debt to Reconstructionism and yet fail to make a public ideological commitment? Why do many rabbis hesitate to introduce Reconstructionist practices? There are many Reform rabbis who are Reconstructionist; what should be their relation with their rabbinical organization?

On Monday afternoon, the delegates will study the financial needs of the Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, the fiscal and administrative arm of the movement.

Highlight of this session will be plans for the nation-wide celebration of the 70th birthday of Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, founder of the movement. The birthday falls on April 17.

Among rabbis attending the New York meeting will be Rabbi Edward Klein of the Reform Free Synagogue; Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn of the Reform Rockville Centre, L. I.; and Rabbi Ira Eisenstein of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (Conservative).

In Chicago, Rabbi Soloman Goldman of Conservative Anshe Emet, Rabbi David Polish and Rabbi Jack J. Cohen of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism will preside. The idea for the parleys was originally broached by Rabbi Polish.

South African Orthodox Rabbi Rejects Plea For 'Tolerance' Toward Reform Jewry

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa—A plea from the South African Board of Jewish Deputies that Orthodox Jews show "tolerance" for Reform Judaism was sharply assailed by a leading Orthodox Rabbi.

Rabbi Moshe Swift of Berea synagogue replied to the unity proposal with a charge that there was "an inherent danger in a unity which fails to distinguish between right and wrong," according to the South African Zionist RECORD.

Rabbi Swift compared the situation with the unity which existed after the floods in Biblical times.

"From such a unity, a confused generation grew up that could not discern between what is right and what is wrong," the Orthodox leader said. "In such united strength there lies the danger of religious confusion and moral catastrophe, a unity that leads to a tower with its top in Heaven, a united body that outrages Jewish Orthodox outlook and sacrifices some of our dearest possessions in the name of tolerance."

Rabbi Swift admitted inferentially that his position implied a break between traditional and Reform Jews in South Africa, between "men who in social life and in charitable endeavor speak the same language and work for the same cause."

He said such a break would not be involved "if public relations and matters of a physical nature would be the sole purpose" of such common labors.

"The builders of the tower of Babel aim to 'storm the Heavens' and Orthodox Jews whose parents would have sat in mourning at the thought of such fraternization go as representatives to give their blessings to these towers of Babel with the inevitable result of a confusion of tongues and the loss of Orthodox Jewish distinctiveness," he said.

He noted that "on the one hand, a leader of Port Elizabeth Jewry appeals to Reformers not to break up the unity of Jews in that city, and on the other hand a leader of Johannesburg Jewry appeals to Orthodox Jews not to break up the unity of Jews in this city."

He insisted that "Better diversity of language with unity of purpose. Let us hold on to the unity of Jewish spirit and Jewish observances, then will the time come when the language of South African Jewry will be the expression of a model community, in thought, in purpose, and in daily life."

Zukerman Assailed By Israeli For 'Misleading' Harpers Piece

National Jewish Post

MINNEAPOLIS—A recent criticism of religion in Israel in Harpers Magazine by William Zukerman, secular Jewish publicist, was denounced last week as a "ridiculous misrepresentation of facts."

Dr. Yehuda Kohn, author of the proposed constitution for Israel, asserted also that Zukeman's article, purporting to demonstrate that the Jewish State is in the grip of a fanatical theocracy, was designed to "undermine the confidence of the United States in Israel."

Dr. Kohn, who is a member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations General Assembly and an official of the Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious Labor Zionists) spoke at a parlor meeting at the home of Dr. Moses Barron, prominent local Zionist leader.

TWO ATTACKS

Dr. Kohn declared that anti-Zionists currently are employing two methods in their attacks. He said they call Zionists "fellow-travelers" and "obscurantists," often simultaneously.

He asserted that charges that Israel is a theocracy represent "a deliberate effort on the part of the enemies of Zionism to initiate a new type of anti-Israel campaign."

Jewish Law is a "very distinctive, rich and valuable heritage,' he said, adding that research efforts are underway "to make it the basis of Israel law."

FIND A WAY

"We must find a way of combining the traditions of our people with the present day new dynamisms if we wish to create something really Jewish in Israel," he said.

During a question period, Dr. Kohn called "purely hypothetical" the question of Conservative and Reform rabbis officiating at marriages and divorce in Israel. He contended that Jews in Israel "regard the Orthodox form of service as the sole form of service."

He said even non-religious Jews in Israel acknowledge the existence only of an Orthodox rabbinate.

FIRST JEWISH PRINCIPAL NAMED IN MONTREAL SCHOOLS

National Jewish Post

MONTREAL—A Jewish teacher will assume a public school administration post for the first time in the city's history on Jan. 1.

Miss Lily Garmaise was one of 11 assistant principals named in a recent announcement of the Montreal Protestant Central School Board. This group controls all Montreal's non-Catholic public schools.

A native Montrealer, Miss Garmaise graduated from McDonald College School for Teachers, affiliated with McGill University. She has also taken summer courses at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Her first appointment was to Devonshire school, where she has remained since. "I'll still be teaching Grade 7, along with my new work. It will be a fulltime job plus," she told The POST.

Devonshire, with 1,000 pupils, is one of the city's older and larger elementary schools. It is approximately 70 per cent Jewish.

Father and Son Sit On Toronto Council

TORONTO—(WNS)—Jewish councilman Nathan Phillips and his son Howard were elected here to the muncipal council of Toronto, it was announced this week.

Two other Jews were elected in the local municipal elections. They were Joseph Gould, Alderman and school trustee Herbert Orliffe.

Strike By Teachers Averted In Israel

JERUSALEM — A nation-wide strike of elementary teachers was averted last week by a promise of payment of a full month's salary.

The Teachers Union issued a strike ultimatum three weeks ago, charging that an agreement on salaries reached several months ago had never been implemented.

Agreement on a salary contract was reached last August between a Ministerial committee and the Union. The Ministry of Education was given the task of working on permanent salary scales. The Teachers Union said the Ministry had failed to issue the proposed permanent wage scales.

Tabak Challenges Gordis Stand On Orthodox Rabbis Relations

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Rabbinical Council of America this week accused Conservative leader Robert Gordis of "surprising inaccuracies" in his recent comment on Orthodox rabbinical authority in Israel.

In a letter to the Jewish Horizon, official organ of Hapoel Hamizrachi (religious Labor Zionists), Dr. Gordis had asserted that the test of Smicha ((ordination) as the basis for rabbinical authority in Israel was a false one.

TABAK

He said that the members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis refused to recognize the Smicha of members of the Rabbinical Council of America, a position shared by the ultra-Orthodox Rabbinical Alliance.

The reply was made by Rabbi Israel Tabak of Baltimore, past president of the Rabbinical Council, which represents the younger, Amercian-trained Orthodox rabbis.

Rabbi Tabak said that Dr. Gordis' statement about the relations of the three Orthodox rabbinical groups was ridculous and incorrect.

"The fact of the matter is that many members of the Rabbinical Council are members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis as well and some of the officers of the Rabbinical Council are members of the Rabbinical Alliance," Rabbi Tabak said, in an article slated for publication in The Jewish Horizon.

"Dr. Gordis wil probably not be too happy to learn that at the last convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis the question of merging the two groups was given "serious consideration," Rabbi Tabak said.

Asserting that this was "but one example of the misstatements" in Dr. Gordis comments, Rabbi Tabak said 'again, it must be emphasized that in Israel as in the Diaspora, Smicha is the true criterion of genuine historic ordination for the rabbinate."

Toronto Pharmacists To Go To Israel

National Jewish Post

MONTREAL — Two Toronto pharmacists have aonswered Israel's call for biological chemists, bacteriologists and pharmaceutical chemists. Both men are to go to Israel toward the end of the winter, Zvi Ofer, head of the Canadian section of HeChalutz, told The POST last week.

The Torontonians, whose names have not been disclosed, are among the first Canadians to respond to Israel's current appeal for chalutzim (pioneers) in the professions. They will work for Kupat Cholim, the public health service of the Labor Zionist Organization.

New companies registered in Israel in July totalled 142, including four foreign companies and their registered capital amounted to nearly seven million dollars.

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Portland Anti-Zionists Warned Any Frauds Face Battle

New Rabbi Issues Challenge After Berger Talk To Council

By HARRY GLICKMAN
National Jewish Post Correspondent

PORTLAND, Ore.—(NJP)—Rabbi Julius J. Nodel, new spiritual leader of Temple Beth Israel, has warned the local chapter of the American Council for Judaism that any false charges against Zionists or American Jewry will be promptly challenged.

At the same time, Milton E. Kahn, chairman of the chapter, now attempting a revival after comparative inactivity for more than a year, has asserted that the anti-Zionists will continue to fight "anti-Jewish nationalism."

RABBI JULIUS NODEL
No Silence for Frauds

BERGER AGAIN

The dispute between the local chapter and Rabbi Nodel started recently after an address by Rabbi Elmer Berger, the anti-Zionist group's national executive director. An audience of less than 50 people attended the meeting, to which reporters for the local daily press had been invited.

Rabbi Nodel had been invited to speak at the meeting but declined to occupy the same platform with Rabbi Berger. Rabbi Nodel answered the anti-Zionist leader's charges a week later before a capacity crowd of 300 members of the Portland Zionist Organization.

No reporters were present for Rabbi Nodel's talk and the story he sent to the local papers was treated very briefly. However, the inadequate handling of Rabbi Nodel's blast at the anti-Zionists was laid to carelessness by the local dailies, which have been partial to the Zionist cause and support it editorially.

TYPICAL TALK

Rabbi Nodel called Rabbi Berber's address "specious and misleading." He urged local Zionists to redouble their efforts to get Israel included among beneficiaries of funds spent by the United States in aiding democratic nations.

In an interview with The POST, Rabbi Nodel commented that while members of the Council contend that Jews are to be defined only as a religious group, Portland Council members rarely attend services.

"Members of the Council approve Judaism by word but ignore it in practice," he said.

To this, Kahn replied that the Council is anxious to have its members attend services and he asserted that many of them do, but that the Council does not want the pulpit to be a sounding board for any particular segment of Jewish life.

KEEP IT UP

Kahn told The POST that the local chapter will continue to follow Council national policy. He also said he resented the recourse to "personalities and character assassination by Zionists."

Kahn termed a falsehood the Zionist charge that the Council's members fail to support the Jewish Welfare Fund drive. He said he donated and had urge other members to o so.

New Jewish Paper Out In New York

NEW YORK (WNS)—A new Anglo-Jewish paper, called the "Jewish Mail" and edited by M. J. Nurenberger ,appeared here this week.

Most of the material in this issue was devoted to news about Israel. According to a statement in the paper, the policy of the Jewish Mail does "not pretend to be impartial, but we do proclaim our independence."

Citrus crop estimates in Israel for the new season forecast a yield of more than five million cases, or more than 25 per cent above last year.

Agudath Israel Seeks Million In New Drive

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The Agudath Israel of America, ultra-Orthodox group, will seek $1.000.000 in a special campaign after losing its anticipated allocation from the Jewish Agency.

The organization dropped independent fund-raising early this year in exchange for an allocation. Early this week, the organization was informed that because of shrinking returns to the United Jewish Appeal, its allocation for work in Israel had been cancelled.

Appeals will be made to congregations and to local welfare funds in a nation-wide campaign. Agudath officials believe they are virtually the only organization operating in Israel to be dropped by the Jewish Agency.

Austria Agudath Head Released From Prison

VIENNA—Benjamin Schreiber, president of the Agudath Israel and Poale Agudath Israel organizations in Austria, was ordered released last week.

He had been arrested on charges of violating customs and currency regulations. Schreiber charged he had been arrested on evidence of forged documents and the testimony of two witnesses who have since disappeared.

Jewish Publisher Quits; Federation Takes Over Paper

OMAHA, Neb.—Pressure of rising costs has forced David Blacker to quit as publisher of the Jewish Press, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, which will be taken over by the Omaha Federation of Jewish service.

In a front page box, Blacker announced that he was stepping out with the last issue of 1950.

"The constant rise of all costs incident to publishing a newspaper and the difficulty of securing enough advertising to meet these costs have made it impossible for me to continue publishing the Jewish Press without more of a loss than I can afford," Blacker reported.

A Federation committee had been set up after Blacker reported he would have to suspend publication. The committee recommended that the Federation undertake publication, after reporting it was unanimously convinced of the need for a Jewish weekly in the community.

The committee concluded, after a study of operating costs, that Federation sponsorship was "feasible from a financial standpoint and recommended that advertising and subscriptions should be actively solicited at the present rate."

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FRANK GOLDMAN'S ISRAEL AID NEEDS SOME BACKGROUND DATA

By CARL ALPERT

PUBLICITY releases are not always what they seem, and the careful editor will not always take at face value what has been ground out by the mimeograph machine. Our good editor, Gabriel Cohen, was impelled to write a leading editorial of lavish praise for B'nai B'rith and its president, Frank Goldman, a few weeks ago (Dec. 1, 1950) on the basis of a "release" from the Department of Public Information of B'nai B'rith.

ALPERT

I read that release. It was a sound, constructive and challenging statement calling upon all of us, as Americans and as Jews, to throw our full weight behind the new fund-raising program for Israel and to help strengthen and buttress this new citadel of democracy in the Middle East. As released and as read by the recipients it no doubt deserved Editor Cohen's plaudits.

But I did more than read the release. I was present at the meeting in Congregation Bnai Jeshurun, New York, on November 1, 1950, when Mr. Goldman first read that statement as part of a symposium on "American Jewry and Israel—A Study in Mutual Relationships." Other participants were Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Robert Nathan and Moshe Keren, the latter of the Israel Embassy in Washington.

Further, I have a disagreeable habit of taking notes liberally at these meetings. They are frequently useful for purposes of comparison with the later published reports of what the speakers are supposed to have said.

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WHILE MR. GOLDMAN'S address was accurately publicized, exactly as he read it from manuscript at the meeting, it had quite a different meaning that night primarily because it followed certain extemporaneous remarks which Mr. Goldman interpolated. Everything which he read thereafter was heard and interpreted—and not by me alone—in the light of his introductory statement. Here is what happened.

The first speaker, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, emphasized one simple point in his talk. He addressed himself to the essential unity of the Jewish people, no matter where they live, and no matter what their dispersions in the past have been. He made clear that one cannot speak of two Jewries, one in Israel and one living elsewhere. Should the present emphasis on "separation" be continued, he suggested, there would truly come about a division of the Jewish entity, and while Israel would survive such a split, it was to be doubted if the Diaspora would. Any discussion on the relationship between American Jewry and Israel, therefore, must begin with the premise that we are one people. This, of course, is basic Zionist philosophy.

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FRANK GOLDMAN was the next speaker. He at once gave expression to his vital and basic disagreement with the thesis which had just been expounded. He did not repeat the thesis; without specifying, he declared that he differed profoundly with Dr. Goldmann—and then went into his prepared address. We listened to it in that connection, and we heard the inflections and the emphases which his voice gave to phrases and words. Naturally, it was gratifying to hear the president of Bnai Brith call for support of the bond drive for Israel, but his reservations and qualifications sounded more prominent that night.

He reminded us that the people of Israel are citizens of a sovereign state, "carrying its passports, responsible to its laws." In our help to that country we must never forget "that we are American citizens, and that Israel has de jure recognition as a state by and a diplomatic representation in this country." These seemed like gratuitous reminders; they are not the words of a Zionist, but of one who must constantly reassure himself and his auditors of his patriotism.

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THE STRONGEST reasoon which he advanced for our aiding Israel is that by so doing we are "also pursuing our Government's policy". Is not America, by Marshall Plan and in other ways helping to strengthen and maintain democracies everywhere? Well, it just goes to show what good Americans we are when we do the same for Israel! No one can object to these statements, but their motivations are subject to study.

The cold print of the Frank Goldman statement, without the nuances and the unfortunate disclaimer with which he began his address, makes good reading, but those who heard the address in its context derived conclusions and impressions quite different. I would prefer to think that the official release is the more accuratet rendition of Goldman's views, and we should let the record stand on that statement.

Kind of A Tricky Decision, Eh, Judge?

LONDON—(WNS)—A notorious British anti-Semite, Arnold Leese, who was hailed to court for having called London's Police chief, Sir Harold Scott, a Jew, gained a victory when the judge held that there was no evidence to substantiate the charge.

The law suit was the aftermath of an article appearing in "Gothic Ripples," in which Leese wrote that "police in the East End of London appear to be instructed by their Jewish chief to knock off any street corner orator who dares to mention the word Jew in any disrespectful sense." The anti-Semite denied that the statement was defamatory and his claim was upheld by the court.

First Israel Cigarettes Marketed In New York

NEW YORK—A trial shipment of Israel-made cigarettes was distributed to stores and restaurants throughout the New York metropolitan area for the first time this month and another shipment is due before the end of December.

Marketed in the United States under the name of Reudor, the cigarettes are the product of Bejarano Brothers, Ltd., of Tel Aviv. The cigarettes are made of oriental type tobacco, largely a blend of Turkish, Greek and Israel leaves. Reudor cigarettes are packed for parties and other special occasions.

COLLECTIVES IN ISRAEL MUST PAY INCOME TAX

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—Effective with the start of the next fiscal year on April 1, kibbutzim (collectives) in Israel will lose their income tax exempt status.

A large number of communal settlements have started efforts to get Government approval for industrial enterprises under the new investment law.

Such industries would enable the collectives to get exemption from the payment of certain types of business taxes and bring them a reduction in income taxes.

Business elements in Israel have consistently complained against competition from industries in the kibbutzim, charging that because of the income tax exemption, business suffers unfair competition.

Winnipeg Jewish Council Fights 'Disruption' By Left-Wingers

WINNIPEG, Canada—The retiring president of the Winnipeg Jewish Youth Council charged last week that left-wing elements had been responsible for the "failure" of the youth organization coordinating group.

The statement by retiring president Harold Buchwald was reported in The Israelite Press, local English-Yiddish weekly.

Buchwald made the charge in his president's report to the Youth Council's Seventh Annual Fall Conference here.

ADMIT FAILURE

Delegates to the conference in effect admitted failure when they adopted a resolution asking its parent body, the Canadian Jewish Congress, to name a full time or part-time paid director for youth work in Winnipeg.

Buchwald praised individual members of the United Jewish Peoples Order Youth Section (UJPO) for "valiant work" on behalf of the Youth Council.

Buchwald's charges of "incessant bickering, quibbling and petty criticism" were vigorously denied by UJPO spokesmen, who said the "bickering" was exaggerated and that the causes for the Youth Council's troubles lay eslewhere.

CONSIDERATION, PLEASE

The discussion brought an implied criticism from Sol Kanee, chairman of the Western Region of the Congress. He said the Youth Council should observe self-discipline in taking stands on public issues. He also suggested that the youth group send its resolutions to the parent Congress for consideration, rather than sending them direct to those organizations or persons affected.

Kanee also urged the Youth group to consider "that aspect of things we have in common as Jews" rather than issues of indirect concern of Jewry.

Two UJPO resolutions were submitted later in the session and beaten by heavy majorities. One endorsed the stand of the recent conference of the National Council of Jewish Women, calling for restrictions on the use of atomic energy to peaceful purposes. The other condemned the resurgence of nazism in Germany and "efforts to build up Germany as a war potential and thereby create a threat to peace."

JOIN UJA DRIVE

The Youth Council approved a resolution to conduct a fund-raising campaign among Jewish youth for the United Jewish Appeal on a separate "but not completely independent basis."

The conference, acceding to Kanee's suggestion, also approved a resolution that all resolutions passed "having to do with representations" outside the Jewish community be first submitted to the Canadian Jewish Congress.

SUCH OFFENSE

A proposal to name a religious chairman as one of the positions on the Youth Council executive was defeated 20 to 19. Several delegates argued that such an appointment would mean endorsement of religion as a "principle" of the Youth Council "thereby possibly offending the views of some affiliates."

Both friends and foes of the proposal noted that religious activities of the coordinating body would continue as in the past, with or without the new chairmanship.

Mickey Cohen Explains New Jewish Angle

National Jewish Post

LOS ANGELES—The shotgun killing of Sam Rummel, "mouthpiece" of Los Angeles Mobster Mickey Cohen, drew a new kind of explanation this week from a "high sheriff's officer."

According to the Los Angeles Mirror, the officer characterized the slaying as "just another phase of the war between Italian and Jewish mobs." The assassination was the tenth killing or disappearance of Cohen associates.

The remarks of the officer, who "asked that he not be quoted by name," bore out Cohen's own theory about the murder.

"It's the same Dago deal," Cohen was quoted telling police. "They want to spit in my face."

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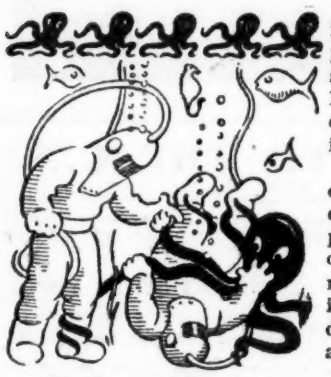

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Ninth Day School In Montreal Seeks Funds For Building

By BETTY SIGLER
National Jewish Post Correspondent

MONTREAL—(NJP)—A building fund campaign was underway this week to provide a home for the Beth Jacob school for girls, Montreal's ninth Jewish day school.

The students have been attending classes for the past three years in the Tolner Synagogue, Abe Simon, co-chairman of the building drive, told The POST. Parents of the students feel that existing schools do not provide a satisfactory education for Orthodox girls.

"We have 65 pupils between five and 12 years old, in four classes," Simon said. "About 80 per cent are refugees and the teachers are graduates of the Beth Jacob Schools in Europe."

FOR GIRLS, TOO

These schools are the feminine counterparts of the yeshiva ketana, (Orthodox day schools), according to a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress executive staff who has made a study of Jewish education in Montreal.

The girls divide their day between the regular public school curriculum and Jewish learning as it applies to the running of a strictly Orthodox Jewish home.

"They teach a good deal of Yiddish but not much Hebrew," the Congress official said. "They feel that a boy needs Hebrew to study Torah, Talmud and Chumash but that Yiddish is more useful for a girl."

These girls are among the 11,000 Jewish school children in Montreal, of whom 2,000 attend day schols. The Yeshivot have 600pupils. There are four such centers of which only one, however, has students below the college level. All teach Hebrew as a sacred language only, and the 613 Commandments. Two of these schools were started by Chassidic groups who came to Canada as DPs.

The first Jewish day school in this city was the Folk Schule (Jewish People's School), organized 36 years ago. Like the others, it devotes half the day to the regular elementary school program. There are 420 pupils in its day classes, from kindergaten through seventh grade, the end of elementary school.

A secular school, it teaches Yiddish and modern Hebrew. Religious customs are taught from a historical viewpoint rather than as commandments.

The two Peretz schools have a similar educational philosophy. Opened in 1940, they now have 300 days pupils in grades one through seven.

OLDEST AND BIGGEST

Oldest and largest of the modern schools giving religious training is the Talmud Torah. It opened in 1933 and now has 700 pupils. A recent addition is the first two years of high school.

Unlike the Yeshivot, the Talmud Torah teaches secular Hebrew and there is no classroom separation of the sexes. Boys wear skullcaps only in Hebrew classes.

Adath Israel School, the only Canadian congregational day school that takes pupils through grade seven, has a program and outlook like that of the Talmud Torah. It has 450 day pupils and hopes to accommodate more when its current $275,000 building project is completed next fall.

DAY SCHOOL PLANNED

Working toward a full day school is Canada's oldest Jewish congregation, Shearith Israel, the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. Opened in 1948, it now has a nursery class, kindergarten and two grades with 132 pupils in all.

Two other congregations in Montreal, Shaar HaShomayim and Young Israel, have day kindergartens.

The unique public school system in the Province of Quebec helps to explain the prominence of Jewish schools. When the British conquered the country two centuries ago, they guaranteed the French Catholic majority their own schools. As a result there are two public school systems, Jews being considered Protestants for educational purposes.

Some Jewish parents object to their children taking part in the daily Scripture lesson of the public schools. In addition, Jewish teachers found it difficult for years to get jobs. This, however, has changed for the better recently.

Ontario Court Rejects Congregants' Bid To Block Sale Of Synagogue In Toronto

TORONTO—A bid by five members of the Goel Tzedec Synagogue to block the sale of the building was rejected last week by the Ontario Court of Appeals.

The five congregants filed suit against the sale of the synagogue building on grounds that their own eight pews, purchased in 1907, gave them an interest in the property for the life of the building.

The Appeals court dismissed their action with costs in a ruling last week.

The suit began when the congregation, earlier this year, decided to sell the property after approving plans to build a new synagogue. Plans for the new structure included a provision barring individual ownership or renting of pews.

The suit was started by Harry Hornblass, Ray Lewis Smith, Joseph Lewis, William Lewis and Jacob Levinsky.

Wilfred Judson, attorney for the five congregants, argued that they had an interest in the land and could legally prevent sale of the building and the land.

Judson argued in the appeal that Justice Trevalen had been wrong in holding that the pew-holders had no interest in the sale.

He argued also that a deed was signed by the late Louis Levinsky with the trustees of the synagogue under which Levinsky had assigned his pew rights to his children and their heirs.

The Appeals court held that it was "self-evident that no interest in the land was conveyed" by the sale and the deed. The price involved was $250,000.

Irish 'Tender Feelings' For Israel Reported

DUBLIN—(WNS)—The "tender feelings" of the Irish for the "young Jewish state" were expressed here this week by Dr. Noel C. Browne, Minister of Health.

Addressing a meeting of the Jewish Medical Society, Dr. Browne declared "Like the state of Israel, the Republic of Ireland only in recent years obtained full independence." After the meeting he was presented a badge by the Israel League against tuberculosis and he left with the badge to attend a meeting of the Irish Cabinet.

More than 25 acres in southern Israel have been planted with Virginia tobacco following successful growing experiments with the plant.

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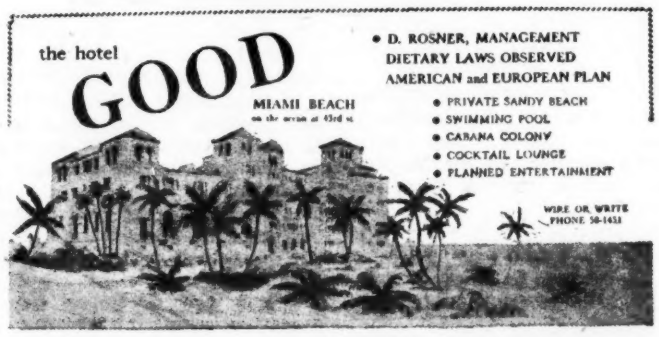

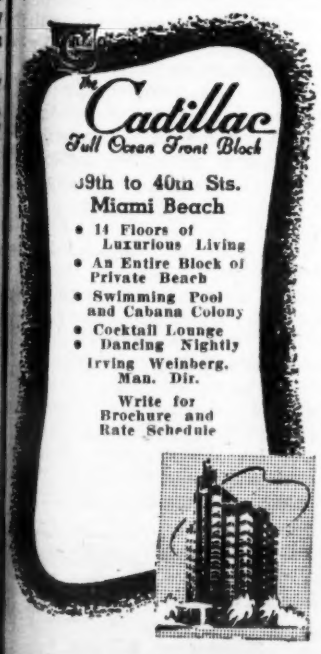

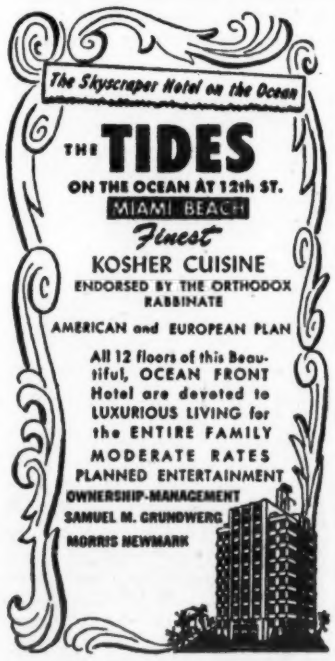

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Walls Of Jerusalem Spring Up On Desert In Arizona For Zanuck's 'David and Bathsheba'

NOGALES, Ariz.—The gates and walls of Jerusalem, recreated on this desert land at considerable expense to Darryl F. Zanuck, have been the scene of much talk and pageantry for Hollywood's version of "David and Bathsheba."

Zanuck insists that while the Twentieth-Century-Fox version will do a little switching on Biblical lore, it will try to strike a fine balance, as he told the N. Y. TIMES, between the intimate and the panoramic.

In terrific technicolor, the drama of the classic slaying of Goliath has been recorded in the form of a flashback in the tortured mind of the king as he begs God to make him a boy again.

Francis X. Bushman, the one-time star of the silent screen, portrays King Saul.

The Zanuck version does not overlook the possibilities of the famous bath taken by Bathsheba, portrayed by Susan Hayward. The bath, still to be filmed, will feature Miss Hayward on a roof-top near King Gregory Peck's palace. The King, after viewing this situation, sends for the Bathsheba and orders her husband off to battle and to death.

As predicted by the prophet Nathan, portrayed by Raymond Massey, the couple suffers the wrath of God.

So far the script follows the 11th chapter of II Samuel but then there was a problem for Phillip Dunne, who wrote the script. At that point, from the dramatic viewpoint, the Biblical version fizzles out. So Dunne spent six months working at it. He finally obtained an ending suggested by the 23rd Psalm.

That Psalm praises a merciful God, as against the vengeful Deity of II Samuels. On that theme, Dunne assumed that David and Bathsheba could be forgiven in time through prayer, permitting a dramatic ending in appropriate fashion.

Zanuck said he was making every effort to keep it all authentic, though little is known about the clothes and customs of the ancient Israelites. A dominant theme is goat-skins and home-spun. A couple thousand Mexicans were hired to act as Israelites, Phillistines and Ammonite warriors.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

RABBI AGUS FINDS TWO U.S. GROUPS FLATLY AGAINST NEW JEWISH FLAG

TAKING a look at the debate over the Jewish flag, Conservative Rabbi JACOB B. AGUS found two groups likely to oppose efforts to create a new religious banner for Jewry. The Baltimore rabbi listed them as the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism and the nationalistic "negators of the Diaspora." Explained Rabbi Agus: "To the former group, Jewish unity is anathema, hence no flag is needed; to the latter, Jewish loyalty is nothing but loyalty to the State of Israel, hence the old flag will do."

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The Brief Summary

PINHAS LUBIANIKER, widely regarded as the likeliest successor to David Ben-Gurion as Israel prime minister whenever Ben-Gurion decides to retire, had a brief comment on the fight between proponents of free enterprise and collectivism in the Jewish State. He said that while austerity is not very popular, the most bitter foes of present government policy had no alternative but free enterprise. He added: "If it were introduced, there would be no queues, since there would be nothing to queue up for."

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The Time Factor

The number of Jewish guessers as to the length of time American Jews will have to provide help for the dispossessed was increased by the addition of DR. JOSEPH J. SCHWARTZ, next boss of the United Jewish Appeal. Asserting that American Jewry had passed the halfway mark, he dated the start of really sngnificant aid as December, 1945, leaving another five years to go.

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The Timid Affection

The interest of American Jewry in Hebrew was examined by ABBA EBAN, Israel ambassador to United States. Speaking at the annual Chnukah dinner of the Hstadruth Ivrith of America, the ambassador told U. S. Jews that they placed Hebrew on a pedestal, "you worship it from afar, you are prepared to take our word for it concerning its priceless qualities without examining that verdct by your own direct scrutiny." Eban concluded that American Jewry's love for Hebrew was "a passion that falls somewhat short of intimacy."

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The Special Honor

Community recognition for Rabbi ISRAEL J. SARASOHN seems to be a case of history repeating itself. He was elected president last week of the Ministerial Association of Marshall, Tex., where he is spiritual leader of Temple Moses Montefiore. Several years ago, when he was in ministry in Leavenworth, Kansas, he was similarly honored.

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With the Rabbis

Rabbi MILTON H. ELEFANT, director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Maine, was married this week to Miss Chana Tendler of New York City.

Rabbi SHOLOM HIMMEL, former field director for the Torah Umesorah society, has been named director of the Mesivta and Yeshva Toras Emes of Brooklyn.

Installation services for Dr. JOSEPH R. NAROT as spiritual leader of Temple Israel of Miami, will be held this Friday evening at the Temple.

Rabbi and Mrs. LEIB LERER of Jerusalem have announced the marriage of their son, Rabbi ISAAC N. LERER of Stevens Point, Wis., to Miss Rosalie C. Dudevitz of St. Paul, Minn.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24—Rabbi Norman Gerstenfeld, spiritual leader of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, in the last of a series of sermons on "The Spiritual Challenge of the Communist Menace," on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a. m. EST, ABC.

REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

U.S. CLAIMANT DEMANDS RIGHTS FOR AID IN POPULARIZING 'TZENA'

By SIMON WINCELBERG

THE arrival in this country of Issachar Miron, Israeli originator of the "Tzena" melody, has added an unexpected sequel to the wrangle over who should benefit by "Tzena's" amazing nation-wide popularity.

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Julius Grossman, the young Jewish-American composer, whose addition of a third theme to the song appears to have launched "Tzena" on its American career, has suddenly found himself in the rather unhappy position of being conspicuously frozen out on the credit for his contribution.

A typical headline, in The National Jewish Post, for example, reads "Tzena Composer Arrives in U.S| to Start Fight for Song Rights," over a World Wide News story which implies that (a) Miron is the sole composer of the song "Tzena," published by Mills Music, Inc., and (b) his rights have been violated.

In an attempt to clarify his own position in the case, Grossman has prepared a memorandum intended primarily for American and Israel consular officials.

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ACCORDING TO HIS BRIEF, Grossman has compiled sworn affidavits from teachers of Jewish music, educators, club and choral leaders from all over the country, who attest that the song's populariy in the U.S. began with Grossman's addition of 16 measures to Miron's 32.

Later, when the song, with newly-acquired English lyrics, became a Hit Parade favorite, a contract was signed with Mills Music, Inc., by Grossman and Ephraim Olshansky, Miron's American representative, which stipulated identical royalties for Miron and Grossman," an arrangement with which Miron, according to his letters, was entirely satisfied.

The cover on the sheet music put out by Mills, next to a careful allotment of credit to all hands, including lyricist Mitchell (Stardust) Parris, bears an illustration, presumably in the spirit of the new lyrics, of a hefty wench doing a flamenco before some comicstrip soldiers looking on in various states of composure.

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GROSSMAN'S MEMORANDUM CITES a quote from a letter in which Miron expresses the hope that "our cordial relations shall become fastened and faithful friends as we are 'joint composers' of 'Tzena, Tzena'." In a previous letter Miron is quoted as having fully approved of Grossman's addition.

But upon Miron's arrival in New York, Grossman was obliged to point out to him repeatedly that interview stories in the press were mentioning only Miron as "composer of the song," and this was inaccurate and harmful to Grossman's reputation. Miron assured Grossman of his loyalty to their partnership, and "that in future interviews he would more than make up for these lapses."

But subsequent articles in the N.Y. Post, World-Telegram, Jewish Daily Forward, as well as two TV networks and one radio network, continued to omit Grossman's name, while the names of "publishers, lyricists and even lawyers" came in for due credit.

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GROSSMAN'S RELUCTANT CONCLUSION, therefore, was that he was dealing with a case of "deliberate misrepresentation," an "unmistakable, malicious, fraudulent plan of Miron to pose as the sole composer of Tzena, Tzena, before the masses of the people."

Grossman winds up his written plea with the hope that the Israel Consulate in New York use its good offices to "eradicate a wrong which has given me sustained mental anguish, done injury to my earning capacity as a composer, shamed me among my fellow-composers, friends and asociates."

I don't feel qualified to judge the musical or commercial value of Mr. Grossman's 16 measures, and perhaps by the time this is published, everything will have been settled amicably. But from the point of view of professional ethics and the possible disservice done to Israel-American relations, Mr. Miron would appear to have a little explaining to do.

Israel Citrus Growers Demand Big Subsidy

TEL AVIV (WNS)—A request that Israel farmers be granted a government subsidy of $10,000,000 to cover losses suffered with citrus products in the competitive foreign market, was made here this week by the Farmers Association.

The growers asked that the money be given to meet the losses of this season, which were incurred with the sale of citrus rus fruits abroad. Unless the government grants the subsidies, the growers warned ,they will refuse to harvest the citrus fruit crops this year.

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500 Delegates Expected For Education Conclave

NEW YORK (WNS)—A number of leading figures in American education and in Jewish communal life, will participate in the first national conference on Jewish Education, to be held here on January 13-14, 1951, under the auspices of the American Association for Jewish Education, in cooperation with 30 national Jewish agencies, it was announced by Michael A. Stavitsky, president.

More than 500 delegates from various parts of the United States, representing communities schools and national organizations, have already received credentials to the Conference, at which the record of the past 50 years in American Jewish education will be surveyed and plans made for cooperative action to insure future progress.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

WHAT DO WOMEN IN ISRAEL TALK ABOUT AT THEIR TEAS?

By HELEN COHEN

IF YOU care to know what goes on over the tea table in Israel only there's no tea available) Molly Lyons Bar-David tells us in the Hadassah Newsletter. After her guests had sipped a little liqueur (brandy and dry wine), probably the only refreshment, since no cake is to be had, conversation flowed.

Immigrants, they agreed, must be let out freely on the labor market, even if it results in deflating wages.

Education must be unified, they felt, and not divided into political streams.

Women should receive equal rights before the law, and the present "personal status" jurisdiction of the religious courts abolished forthwith.

Private investment must be encouraged. Nobody wanted elections. Oh, it was a fine party, concluded Mrs. Bar-David.

Queer creatures.

Not a word about junior, and how much his new outfits are costing. No mention of maids. No comparing the relative merits of new television sets and clothes-driers. No words of delight over the latest colors in hats.

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THE COHENS have reached a new milestone. Our next-to-the-oldest betook himself to the bathroom the other day and proceeded to give himself a bath without having the subject broached to him even once beforehand.

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I EXPECT, for some time to come, to continue the fight for knowledge and facts, but for a little while I'd like to lay aside the pen of reason and talk about the heart.

I attended a Chanukah celebration of our local group of Hebrew scholars, the Chevrah Shass, held in honor of completing a book of the Talmud. As I sat watching the familiar scene, I felt right or wrong, rational or irrational, their's was a great love for Judaism. If they are wrapped up in the past, it is a Jewish past. How many other groups can one find to whom Judaism is so dear? Not the American Council for Judaism, which uses its head but has only a void where its heart should be.

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IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE GENERATION of Talmudic scholars among my great-grandfathers cropping out, but I thought how pleasant it would be to sit around the table studying together out of these time-honored texts.

Guest of honor for the evening was Rabbi David S. Shapiro of Milwaukee, who founded the group during his ministry in Indianapolis and who is known for goodness of heart as much as for Jewish learning. I was sorry that my grasp of Yiddish was not sufficient to comprehend his discourse.

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IN A nutshell: "Unless our children are educated Jewishly, there is no future for Judaism in this land." So writes Rabbi Theodore N. Lewis in his book review column in the November Jewish Spectator. I would only qualify the "education" with the words "effective and inspring."

VA. JEWISH COMMUNITIES OK STATE AID FOR JEWISH HOME

By EUNICE COOPER
National Jewish Post Correspondent

NORFOLK, Va.—The Beth Sholom Home for the Aged in Richmond has been transformed into a statewide institution, marking the first time in American Jewish history that Jewish communities in a single state have joined to maintain such an institution.

The Home, which now has 31 residents, has been operated by a board drawn largely from Richmond Jewry and financed almost entirely by that community.

In response to proposals for a voice in the management of the Home from other Jewish communities, a statewide Care of the Aged Committee was set up. It has operated for two years under guidance of the Central Atlantic Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The committee, headed first by Lester S. Sherick of Norfolk and later by Dave Aronstein of Richmond, drew up plans which were accepted by the Home's board, as well as by the Jewish Community Councils of Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, Roanoke and Lynchburg.

New by-laws provide for financing the Home on a joint population sharing basis and a per capita residents charge. Additional communities may join on the same basis as the participating five and Portsmouth, the largest Jewish community in Virginia, is likely to join soon.

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● Louis Baskin, 650 Waveland Ave., Chicago, writes:

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BASKIND is a metronymic deriving from the forename of an outstanding mother of the family. The name of that matriarch was Basioh, pronounced Bashe in Yiddish. The Russian termination "kin" means descendant of The correct spelling of the name is Baskin, meaning "descendants of Basioh." Later a "D" was added by someone unfamiliar with Russian, who thought the name had something to do with "kind," a child.

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● Harold Cohen, 2490 Blaine Ave., Detroit, writes:

Could you tell me the meaning of my mother's family name, Palant. Is is a rather unusual name and I have not run across another family with that name in Detroint

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PALANT is a Polish word, describing a stout club used to bat a rubber ball in a game. The man on whom the family name was first bestowed probably called at the local name giving office carrying a stout cane and received the family name of Palant as an allusion to it.

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The Israel government hopes to encourage food production by guaranteeing fair prices prices to farmers, giving premiums for quantity and quality food produced. New settlements particularly would benefit from the guaranteed prices for their products.

What Foods These Morsels Be

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MRS. N. Woolf, 2204 Fairmont Ave., Lakeland, Fla., offers recipes for coffee and honey cakes:

COFFEE CAKE

1 pkg. dry yeast	1½ cups milk
6 cups flour	1 tsp. vanilla
¼ lb. butter	3 eggs
3 tbls. Spry	pinch salt
1½ cups sugar	

Dissolve yeast according to directions on package. Sift flour, make well in center, pour in dissolved yeast, sprinkle a little sugar on top. Let stay until bubbles form. Keep all ingredients room temperature. Mix al ingredients together to make a loose dough. Grease a pan 10 by 14. Pour in the batter and let rise 3 hours in warm room. Top with crumbs made from 1 tbls. butter, 2 tbls. sugar and flour left over in the side of the working bowl. (Place crumbs just before placing pan in oven.) Bake I hour at 350 degrees.

HONEY CAKE

4 cups flour	1 cup sugar
4 eggs	2 heaping tbls. Spry
1 cup black coffee	orange peel
2 tsp. soda	1 tsp. all-spice
1 cup honey	1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix all together and bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour.

A substitute for noodles in chicken soup:

2 eggs well beaten	2 tbsl. cream of wheat
½ tsp. salt	

Mix together and pour slowly into boiling soup. Lower flame and simmer 15 minutes. Serve.

Mrs. Herman Aronovitz
Tampa, Florida

MINNEAPOLIS JEWRY SLAPPED FOR SLOW REPLY TO JDC APPEAL

National Jewish Post

MINNEAPOLIS—The Minneapolis Jewish community has been taken to task in the columns of The American Jewish World, local Anglo Jewish Weekly, for its languid support of the city's emergency Joint Distribution Committee campaign. In a front-page editorial entitled "What Ails Minneapolis?" the publication pointedly criticized local Jewry for "not exhibiting its usual alertness" in permitting funds earmarked for the United Jewish Appeal to be released to a single constituent group as a result of the JDC drive's failure to-date.

The same editorial commended St. Paul Jewry for already having raised nearly $15,000 in its special JDC appeal and urged Minneapolis to follow the lead of its twin. A goal of $30,000 had been set by the Minneapolis Federation For Jewish Service as its share of the nationwide $3,000,000 drive to meet the costs of bringing refugees to Israel. The American Jewish WORLD reported that "the campaign fails to gain momentum" in Minneapolis.

Declaring that "Minneapolis has not done too well by the UJA in the last two campaigns," the weekly cautionsly reflected, "certainly Minneapolis Jewry has not lost its sense of responsibility toward the desperate needs of world Jewry."

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Editorial Page

B'nai B'rith Or Zionist Nights At Services?

A NON-JEWISH advertising agency executive has produced a book for congregations and clergymen which attempts to dramatize houses of worship through use of some of the methods of big business to attract the people once again to the House of God.

This is no new idea as far as the Jewish group is concerned. Many rabbis are as keen business men and as alert to all modern techniques as our biggest tycoons.

For instance, the book recommends that various services be devoted to organizations within the general group; that is a practice which even the Orthodox have been using for years.

Whatever the situation may be in the churches, in the Jewish group practically all our organizations—especially the local chapters of our national agencies—are largely paper organizations. The work is done by a few persons at the top, and most meetings attract not even the officers and the board of directors.

As a result, B'nai B'rith night or Zionist night at synagogue services usually gives the president of the guest group an opportunity to say a few ill-chosen words from the pulpit about how strong and how old his organization is, but such events do not bring more than a handful of others to the services.

If such organizations were truly concerned with piety, then there would be some justification for diverting a service to God into a selling job for an organization. The POST can see some justification for devoting services to the Sisterhood, or Brotherhood or Men's Club; these are synagogue-motivated. But The POST would not encourage special Friday evening services. Rather the emphasis should be on attendance at inspirational services for the sole reason for holding services—to pray.

The danger in assigning services to various organizations is that the services lose their significance, not alone on the Friday nights involved, but for every Friday night. The Jewish community is not made up of people of concrete; they recognize readily enough why the services are turned over to some agency or to this or that group.

The POST is aware of the fact that there is no division in traditional Judaism between the lay and the religious; they are as one. Yet we are not living the life of traditional Jews today. Anyone who denies that there is a wide difference in Jewish life between the religious organizations, on the one hand, and the fraternal and social organizations, on the other, is simply overlooking the facts.

Prayer services can and do fill a need for the Jew in 1950. The services need emphasis in the direction of their real goals, not elaboration as selling devices for everything but prayer. When the time comes that prayer must be subordinated, then assimilation or not, Judaism as a civilization or not cannot persist for too long.

A basic return to the fundamental, which is prayer, is the real need of our Jewish congregations

Christmas In The Schools

THE latest rabbi to run into the buzz-saw of Christian feelings on the Christmas issue in connection with the widespread ceremonies on that occasion in our public schools is Toronto's Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg.

The history of similar cases goes back to Kingston, N. Y. and from there to Chelsea, Mass. In the Kingston case, the rabbi resigned when his congregation refused to support his public statement that Christmas ceremonials in the schools was a breach of the principle of separation of church and state.

In Chelsea, a national cause celebre nearly developed when protests by a Jewish father and mother against the singing of Christmas carols in the local public schools resulted in a reported loss of business by Jewish merchants and eventual repudiation by most Jews of Chelsea of the protesting parents.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council, the agency in the U.S. Jewish community which handles problems of this kind, was besieged with requests for guidance. The NCRAC cautioned caution.

There the problem rests. In one Indianapolis school at least, all the Jewish children—many from Conservative Jewish homes—are participating in the Christmas play.

Carl Alpert, in his current series of columns on the problem, seems to take the position, which is slowly being accepted generally, that we Jews are living in a Christian environment and we must make the best of it. A corollary of this view is that these ceremonials and rituals do not have any lasting effect on the Jewish children.

The POST will not pontificate on this problem. The general Jewish attitude today is that adding Chanukah celebrations to the school program is not the solution either, because then Jews are in the position of violating the sacred precept of separation of church and state, or rather school or church.

In all probability, the pattern that finally will be evolved will be that which Jewish mothers have been following without waiting for official decision. The pattern is that of asking the schools to incorporate some function in celebration of Chanukah into the school program.

Such efforts have several desirable effects, and until the time comes when the problem can be divorced from the tremendous emotional impact involved—which means practically never—this answer probably will be the best under the circumstances.

Bring The Problems Out For Discussion

WE LIKE the idea of the Young Peoples Division of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago which calls for a series of four weekly discussions on important questions currently being debated within the American Jewish community.

The questions to be aired on the second and fourth sessions—the institute will be held on successive Monday evenings at the Standard Club beginning next Jan. 8—appeal to us most because the subjects are central issues in the Jewish community and have yet to be resolved.

On Jan. 15, the topic is "Who Should Pay for Jewish Education?" This subject concerns Chicago more than other communities at present, because during the past year the Chicago Jewish community was torn by a bitter fracas when the allocation to the Board of Jewish Education was cut $50,000. But every Jew in the United States is concerned in one way or another with the answer to that question.

The fourth discussion will be on the subject of "Neighborhood—or Negev . . . Where Shall We Build?" The implications of this topic are clear, and a sensible decision is important for the American Jewish Community.

Despite its faith in democratic processes, the Jewish group in its inner workings has been inclined to use methods usually employed by foes of democracy. Discussion, compromise, meeting of minds, persuasion—these are methods much too slow for most American Jewish organization.

Pertinent also is the question, where are the means to be found to reach the American Jewish community? There is no Jewish radio, nor is there any independent Jewish press of a large enough scope—except the Yiddish press, which today reaches for the most part only the older Jewish leadership.

So it is understandable that undemocratic methods often are used by our national Jewish organizations.

But that does not mean that it must always be so. The experiment in Chicago is a step in the right direction.

More and more forums for discussion of the pressing problems facing the Jewish community must be provided. The need is there and forums are one first step toward filling the need. The youth division deserves commendation for its vision and even courage in arranging the institute.

THE EDITORS CHAIR

I HAVE A letter from Rabbi Nathan Drazin of Baltimore, with which I am inclined to agree. You read the letter. My point is that the Reform rabbi involved — as long as he knew that the father whose son was going to marry the Jewish divorcee without the "get" (Jewish religious divorce) was Orthodox—the rabbi should have given the man the Orthodox answer, not a contrived one.

I am not Orthodox myself, and many, many times I have been critical of Orthodoxy, but until I see the time when Reform and Conservatism and even Reconstructionism really begin to fulfill their promise, or even after that, I will always respect the Orthodox Jew and his views and opinions. Here is Rabbi Drazin's letter:

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I received a letter a few days ago written by a known Reform rabbi to an elderly Orthodox gentleman living near Baltimore City. This gentleman was concerned about the fact that his son is planning to marry a woman who was formerly married, and who had obtained only her civil divorce but not her Jewish Get. This gentleman brought me the letter and asked me whether the statements therein were true. The letter of the Reform rabbi is as follows:

"I gather that you are concerned about not having a Jewish divorce. The family that she was formerly connected with is so far removed from Orthodox life it would be impossible to convince them that they ought to give her a Jewish divorce.

"Under the circumstances and in view of the fact that the dissolution of the marriage is valid in accordance with the tradition of Israel, Jewish Law is that if two rabbis agree to give her a statement that she can remarry, the second marriage is valid and lawful. I will be ready to give her such a statement and I know that she will make you a fine daughter-in-law."

There is double talk in this letter. The Reform rabbi says that the dissolution of the marriage, meaning of course the civil divorce, is valid in accordance with the tradition of Israel. Then he says that she requires a statement of two rabbis to remarry. If the dissolution of the marriage is valid, why does she require any statement?

The Reform rabbi also says "It would be impossible to convince them that they ought to give her a Jewish divorce." It seems that the Reform rabbi is under the impression that the whole family has to give the Jewish divorce . . . Only her former husband is involved. Of course it would be impossible for HIM to convince her former husband that he ought to give her a divorce because the "rabbi" himself is convinced otherwise, namely, that "the dissolution of the marriage is valid."

An Orthodox rabbi, however, who knows that a civil divorce is not sufficient and that a Jewish Get is absolutely necessary would find the situation quite different.

My primary reason for writing you this letter, however, is to ask what do you think of the Reform rabbi's flagrant misuse of the expressions "the tradition of Israel" and "Jewish Law." Were not these terms obviously used only to mislead the elderly father who was so much concerned about the need of a Jewish Get? I am not at all expert in Reform Judaism. Perhaps what the Reform rabbi says in his letter is the doctrine of Reform Judaism. But to omit all mention of Reform Judaism and to speak only in behalf of "The tradition of Israel" and "Jewish Law" is it seems to me downright dishonest. Do you know whether other Reform rabbis and Rabbinical seminaries of Reform Judaism condone such practice?

RABBI NATHAN DRAZIN

6,244 Jews Still In Yugoslavia

LONDON (WNS)—There are 6,244 Jews still living in Yugoslavia, it was reported here by the World Jewish Congress on the basis of reports from Belgrade.

Jewish organizations are continuing to function in 57 towns and villages in that country, the World Jewish Congress reported. Zagreb is the largest Jewish community in Yugoslavia with a total Jewish population of 1,397. Belgrade has 1,180 Jews, while the rest are distributed throughout the country. About 700 Jews are not affiliated with any Jewish communal organization in Yugoslavia.

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Tourist traffic in Israel has increased by almost 50 per cent during the first nine months of 1950 compared with the first nine months of 19499.

Portion of the Week

VAYECHI

PARSHAS Vayechi Gen. 47;28-50; 26. Hapthara I Kings 2:1-12. In this concluding portion from the Book of Genesis, we experience Jacob's last days. He asks his children to rally around his death bed and offers his blessings. The two sons of Joseph are especially singled out to receive his blessings and thus become the head of future strong and important tribes within the household of Israel. Jacob is at peace with his God. "For thy salvation do I hope." were among the last words he utters. His colorful career, as one who was close to God, who had sinned and suffered exceedingly, who had to mourn the tragedies of his children Dina and Joseph, who had to face the wrath of his hurt brother—all that came to an end, when he closed his eyes forever. In our Hapthara we are exposed to a similar scene, when the days of David, the king, came to a close and he also assembled his sons around his bed, gave each one his charge for the future. After his death his son, Solomon, sat upon his throne and his kingdom was established firmly.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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HOLDS CJFWF, WHILE NOT PERFECT, BEST FUND CONTROLLER FOR U.S. JEWRY

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

The fund raising controversy now prevalent as to whether or not the United Jewish Appeal should be taken over by the Council of Federation of Welfare Funds is a healthy sign. It should not be ignored or deplored by the Jewish communities in America. No Jewish leader or contributor, large or small, has the right to stand on the side lines in this dispute, because it materially effects us all—here in America, the Jews throughout the world, and our brethren in Israel. In particular, fund collections and equitable allottment of such funds is not only our moral obligation, it is a serious business problem, not to be left to the will of chance. It is bad business to turn over millions of dollars to individuals to disburse, no matter how honorable or capable, or well intentioned those individuals may be, without the community having a say, or at least having the power to recall them if necessary.

Jewish welfare and philanthropy has developed into big business running into hundreds of millions annually and should be administered and conducted accordingly. Taxation without democratic representation is both un-American and un-Jewish. The time has arrived for the Jewish community to elect its leaders instead of having a few hand-picked men designated and empowered with the task of collecting and allotting the welfare funds. The question then remains what agencies ,if any, now operating in this field should be entrusted with this task. The controversy now centers around two agencies, the UJA and the CJFWF. Which of these two agencies will reflect the will of the people? Which would be more democratci and permanent? For in spite of what some may think, the task of Jewish philanthropy and welfare will be with us for many years to come.

A cursory examination will disclose that while the CJFWF is far from being the democratic agency we would like it to be, it comes nearest to what is desirable and necessary. It has the broadest base, it has its roots in the communities throughout the country, and it can be developed into the democratic organization we Jews have been dreaming about for years, but have thus far not been able to found. There are those who will argue that we can not entrust so great a power into the hands of the CJFWF because whoever controls the philanthropic purse strings of Jewry will also control the political and cultural power of the whole Jewish community. That is true, but if we can not entrust such power to the communities where a democratic structure prevails, where else can such power be entrusted? Democracy is good for us as Americans. We must encourage it in Jewish life. We tried to achieve a democratic Jewish community through the American Jewish Conference through National Jewish Organizations—that failed. The American Jewish Congress from its inception has tried to achieve it, and has thus far failed to accomplish it in America. Some powerful organizations oppose it. The only hope of unifying and democratizing the Jewish community therefore lies only in the local Jewish community. The CJFWF offers the best means to accomplish the purpose. The only hope outside of the establishment of a successful United Nations which has for its aim World peace is that we Jews, in addition, must work for peace, freedom and security in Israel for our wandering, homeless, and persecuted people trying to enter the promised land from all parts of the world, and finally I know of nothing so timely and important to the Jewish people as the solidifying and democratizing of the Jewish community in America. We can never hope to adequately discharge our manifold obligations to our brethren in Israel and our own children here in America until this is accomplished.

ISIDORE TEITELBAUM
New York

REPORTER SAYS HANDLING OF STORY ON ORTHODOX WOMEN WAS INCOMPLETE

● Editor National Jewish Post:

The story concerning the convention of the Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the statement made there by the Hon. William B. Herlands, as it appeared in The POST on Friday, December 8, may have caused some misunderstanding on the part of the general Jewish community as regards several aspects of the convention. Perhaps the following brief points, which I am citing from the original write-up and which for some reason were omitted from the story or not given sufficient stress as it was printed will help in giving a more complete picture of the stand taken by, and the program of, the Women's Branch of the UOJCA as expressed in the convention, at least according to the understanding of this correspondent.

1. Mr. Herlands in his statement that "Rabbinic authorities" were "engaged in research to 'protect the rights of the Jewish woman' in such matters as religious divorce and to provide a solution **within the framework of Jewish tradition** for the problem of the Agunah," also "censured Reform Judaism for 'exploiting the issue of women's rights in order to break away from Jewish tradition."

2. "The dissemination of better knowledge of Judaism through educational programs and greater active audience participation in the services were cited" by delegates representing Orthodox sisterhoods from various parts of the country, "as having proven effective in increasing synagogue attendance in various communities. It was stated that Judaism could only be strengthened by broader knowledge and maximum observance of Jewishness, not by the 'watering-down of Judaism'."

3. Here are some of the resolutions passed by the convention which were intended to express the relationship of the Women's Branch of the UOJCA to the general Jewish community, as a part of that community.

"To Dr Nahum Goldman went a special resolution pledging full support by the Women's Branch for the National Planning Conference for Israel and Jewish Re-Habilitation Other resolutions urged the women to use their influence in preventing the public desecration of the Sabbath and infractions of the dietary laws by Jewish organizations of which they might be members, and to participate in the work of the Religious Zionist movement"

GERTRUDE HIRSCHLER
NJP Correspondent,
Baltimore, Maryland

ANTI-RED LEAGUE REPORTS GOLDMAN HAS OK'D PROBE OF TWO HILLEL RABBIS

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

We have a letter dated October 21, 1950, from Hon. Stanley Fuld, Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, informing us that he was authorized by Frank Godman, national president of B'nai B'rith, to conduct an investigation of our charges of pro-Communist involvement against Rabbi Benjamin Lowell, administrative secretary of the Hillel Foundations.

However, on Dec. 5, Judge Fuld told us he is very busy and has not yet begun to make the investigation. We hope that this whole investigation may not turn out to be "too little and too late." The fate of our youth, and of B'nai B'rith—of which many of us are members—are largely involved.

The fact is that Rabbi Lowell spoke at an anti-American and anti-South Korean meeting in August, 1950, and conducted the fund-raising "pitch" that night for the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, whose projects have been denounced by our State Department as pro-Communist. This Council has a long record of defending, and never opposing, Communist groups.

We thought that B'nai B'rith would hasten to investigate, especially since Rabbi Samuel Glasner, of Georgia Hillel, has said in print that Lowell was communistic, and that Rabbi Herman Pollack, of Brooklyn Hillel, joined the Communist Party on or about 1932.

Now, Judge Fuld's part only concerns Lowell. Frank Goldman has never acceded to the request made on September 27, 1949 by Alfred Kohlberg, our national charman, that the entire Hillel Foundation be investigated, and that it be formally cleared, if possible, of suspicion cast upon it by some of its personnel's activities.

After Brooklyn Hillel was suspended from the campus for becoming involved in a defense of Harry Winston, one of the eleven top convicted Communists, many documented facts came to our attention. It was already known that Rabbi Pollack had been a faculty member of the School of Jewish Studies, listed as Communist by the Attorney General. But what is not generally known is a report by Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, national Hillel director, dated February 7, 1950, defending the School of Jewish Studies with the incredible suggestion that it was not subversive until the Attorney General got around to designating it as such. At the very least, this is an insult to the intelligence of sincere B'nai B'rith members.

In an "exhibit" sent out by Lelyveld on the same day, in defense of the Brooklyn Hillel, is a column smearing us by Phineas Biron, consistent pro-Soviet apologist, whose political line is well known, and who was dropped by the National Jewish Post.

On May 23, 1949, Pollack wrote a letter to Lelyveld the plain implication of which is that Pollack sympathizes with his Hillel students who opposed the college administration. The letter even suggests that the Hillel defense of the convicted Communist's right to speak on the campus has to do with "ethical principles, human rights and social progress."

When will the Jewish fathers and mothers of America wake up? When will the average B'nai B'rith member let his voice be heard? The pro-Communists and the Communist-fronters should be swept out of Jewish life—not only for Jewish "public relations," but because Communism is a danger to all men. It is cruel, barbaric, and aimed against everything we hold dear in America and elsewhere. It is basically anti-Jewish.

No one who toys with it, or its artificial creations, should lead Jewish youth.

HARRY PASTERNAK
Member, Board of Directors,
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Against Communism, Inc.

WHAT HAS WALLACH CONTRIBUTED TO SOLVING ISRAEL'S GRAVE CRISIS?

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

One cannot but bemoan the fact that four columns in your very valuable forum of Jewish opinion and news should have been devoted to the fulminations of Sidney Wallach concerning one of the aspects of the State of Israel at such a critical time in its history.

This certainly is not the time to waste on polemics and pilpul, academic in their nature and in no way of help in solving the economic crisis.

What difference does it make in the immigration of Jews to Israel whether they are "Jewish Jews," Catholic Jews," Protestant Jews," ad nauseam? No question is asked by the Israeli authorities when our long-suffering brethern are given a warm hand of welcome by those who they understand; and do not enter into any philosophical discussions, but provide them with food, clothing and an opportunity to restore to their individual dignity, of whch even the men of the American Council for Judaism would undertake to deprive them.

ABE SHEFFERMAN
Washington, D. C.

A total of 2,400 tons of fish, valued at more than two million dollars,, was landed by Israel fishermen between January and June of 1950.

ASKS RECOGNITION OF LAY LEADERS IN WORK OF U. S. JEWISH EDUCATION

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

Permit me to commend you for your splendid editorial in your Dec. 1 issue, entitled "No Job As Important." It is good to see public recognition taken of those laymen who head Bureaus or Board of Jewish Education.

I wish you had given credit simultaneously also to another group of laymen without whom Jewish life would be much the poorer. I have reference to the devoted individuals serving on the Education Committees of our schools and to those men and women who are the sparkplugs of the Parent-Teacher Associations.

It may interest you and your readers to know that at the first National Conference on Jewish Education, scheduled for January 13-14 in New York City, the majority of the representatives by far will be those consecrated laymen connected with schools, organizations, and communities who are keenly aware of the fact that if Jewish life is to continue in this country on a creative and dignified level, the quantity and quality of Jewish education must be intensified.

This Conference, under the auspices of the American Association for Jewish Education, is being sponsored by 32 cooperating national organizations. If there are any lay leaders among your readers who are concerned for the future of Jewish education and who are connected with schools, organizations, or communities which have not yet accredited delegates to this Conference, we hope they will get in touch with us.

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Cheers For Moore's Post Book Reviews

● Editor, National Jewish Post:

The contents of the NJP are enhanced by Ward Moore's excellent column. Mr. Moore deserves a hand for his most stimulating book reviews.

The column "Christian Indicts Christendom in Assault on Anti-Semitism" is not only a straightforward evaluation of "The Foot of Pride," by Malcolm Hay, but in itself a masterpiece of writing.

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

A NEW BOOK ON HEBREW ARTS; A GUEST REVIEW OF AN EPISTLE

By WARD MOORE

ONE OF the most beautiful books which has come this way is "Ancient Hebrew Arts," by A. Reifenberg (New York, Schocken Books, 176 pages, $5). More than 200 photographs give a sample of archaelogical finds, from the ruins of Solomon's stables and the Siloam Tunnel to amulets and signet rings. The highly stylized craftsmanship of the Maccabean ossuaries—wood clay or limestone chests to receive the bones of the dead—contrasts with the freedom and boldness of the designs for seals in the period of the kings; both have little in common with the ornamental stone facades of the Capernaum Synagogue when Rome was the Mandatory power.

MOORE

The homely touch is supplied by the reproduction of notes scratched on potsherds, one of which reads, "Baruch, this time, pay attention . . . " Twenty-eight hundred years ago this curt memorandum was dispatched to Baruch, evidently a storekeeper, ordering 13 measures of barley.

"Ancient Hebrew Arts" is more than a happy series of illustrations. It is valuable material to the historical scholar and to the modern Jewish designer.

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IT IS WITH great pleasure that I make room for the following review by Rabbi Shapiro.

EPISTLE TO YEMEN, By Rabbi Moses ben Maimon, edited by Rabbi Solomon Goldman, Vol. 6 of Student Library, Histadruth Ivrith, New York, 5710-1950, 205 pages.

By RABBI DAVID S. SHAPIRO

THE IMMORTAL Iggereth Teman (Epistle to Yemen) which the great master Maimonides sent in 1172 to Rabbi Jacob ben Nethanel to strengthen the hearts of his persecuted and misguided bretheren in Southwestern Arabia has long deserved to be better known among Jewish readers. Its message of hope in Israel's future and pride in Israel's heritage far transcends the age in which it was composed. It still speaks to the hearts of Jews of the 20th century who, though witnesses to the liquidation of the Exile of Yemen, have felt upon their backs the lash of the same taskmasters and have been victimized by the lingual scourage of the same defamers of Jews and Judaism against whom Maimonides so valiantly contended in his Epistle.

Introducing

Rabbi David S. Shapiro guest reviewer this week, is spiritual leader of Congregation Anshe Sfard in Milwaukee. He is author of "Yesoda Ha-Dath Ha-Universalith," and "Jewish Attitude Towards Peace and War,' in Israel of Tomorrow. He has contributed widely to Hebrew and Yiddish periodicals.

The people of Israel has found two kinds of enemies in its historic march through history, Maimonides maintains: Those who would destroy it physically and those who would destroy it spiritually. The source of this well-nigh universal emnity is envy of the high status of Israel in the divine plan for mankind, namely Israel's election as the recipient and bearer of the divine Law. Some seek to destroy Israel by the sword, others by confusing its teachings, others by deceitful imitations of its Law. All these attempts, however, have failed and will fail. The people which heard the voice of living G-d speak from the midst of fire will not succumb to the machinations of its relentless adversaries. This is the basic message of Iggereth Teman.

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THE READER WHO is acquainted with the other works of Maimonides will find some of his basic ideas already presented, if only in abbreviated form, in the Epistle which he wrote before the publication of his famous Mishneh Torah and the Guide for the Perplexed. His fervent love of G-d, Torah and Israel,, the clarity of his thinking, his boldness of conception, his breadth of vision ,his total repudiation of unreason, all shine forth from the Epistle to Yemen.

The Histadruth Ivrith, the Hebrew Language and Culture Association, and the editor of the Epistle, the well-known rabbi and scholar, Dr. Solomon Goldman, deserves the gratitude of the Hebrew-reading public for making available in a beautiful edition this famous but little-known work, for copies of the Epistle have been rather scarce. Dr. Goldman's edition is a composite of a number of previous editions and also contains material that has been unknown in Hebrew translations of the original Arabic till recently. The copious notes and explanatory comments, as well as the illuminating introductions, should prove helpful to the student and general reader.

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IT IS REGRETTABLE that the text both in Hebrew and English was permitted to come off the press without all errors expunged. An otherwise beautiful book is thereby marred. A few exceptions may also be taken in a number of instances to the comments and interpretations of Dr. Goldman.

On page 3, for example, the editor takes the epithet "Ha-id hameyuman" wherewith Maimonides refers to the recipient of his epistle to be Arabic, although he cannot find the word "id" in Arabic dictionaries. It is clear, however, that the expression is purely Hebraic (the salutatory section of the Epistle was written originally in Hebrew). "Id" is the masculine form of "idith," meaning: superior (cf. Gittin 48b).

The word "meyuman" is definitely Talmudic (cf Kiddushin 21b; Hullin 91a) and means: significant, distinguished. The whole phrase then means: the man of supreme distinction, or something similar to that. The word "meyuman" may also be a play on the name Yemen as may be seen from what follows (Yemen and meyuman come from the same Semitic root).

On page 4 "li-shemoa" should read "le-shema." See Job 42, 5. On page 5, the phrase "le-itto yedabber" originates in Job 15, 11, making Dr. Goldman's note 7 superfluous.

Note 2 on page 15 is superfluous as the verb "eshbor" is used in the sense of deriving sustenance as elsewhere in Genesis, e.g., 42,2. On page 26, Dr. Goldman incorrectly translates "le-reo" as reputation (note 8). The source of the phrase (Psalm 139,2) reveals it to mean "thought" or "design." The entire phrase thus means:: the sages understood his ultimate designs.

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ON PAGE 43 "mishneh" should read "meshaneh," thus making note 7 superfluous. On page 53, note 10, Dr. Goldman misses the point of Maimonides in his argument that Genesis 17,20 cannot refer to Mohammed. Maimonides shows very clearly that this passage speaks of physical increase rather than of spiritual blessing. It is not the tense of the verb that is the crux of Maimonides' argument.

On page 3, the editor intimates that the salutation "May their Rock preserve them" was originated by Maimondies. However, this phrase is commonplace in medieval Jewish letters. It is to be hoped that a new edition will eliminate these shortcomings.

An index to Biblical and Talmudic passages is appended to the book as well as a vocabulary which the student will find valuable.

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Jewish Education Region Cuts Program To Meet L. A. Fund Dip

By GERALD TURNOY
National Jewish Post Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—(NJP)—Faced with a shortage of funds, the Western States Region of the American Association for Jewish Education has transferred operations from here to Los Angeles where part time community personnel will be used.

Peter Kahn of Los Angeles, retiring chairman of the Region's administrative committee, reported at a meeting here that $10,000 to $15,000 would be needed during the coming year for administrative expense and community service.

Shortage of funds resulted in dropping of the services of executive secretary J. M. Kartzinel, with Dr. Samuel Dinin of the Los Angeles Board of Jewish Education assuming his duties with the aid of Dorothy Lang, a Los Angeles JCC worker.

MONEY IN L. A.

Los Angeles Jewish education officials told the three-day meet that the L.A. education budget last year of $350,000 was used in subsidizing 30 schools and paying 70 per cent of teacher salaries.

Dr. Dinin also reported that this year some 12,500 Los Angeles children were enrolled in Jewish schools, about 50 per cent of the potential number.

He said about 45 per cent of the 12,500 were enrolled in Hebrew Schools. He said 15 buses are used to help transport students to class from their public schools.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Board of Jewish Education and the Jewish Community Council operate a Yiddish and a Hebrew high school, with 50 students in each, and a Yeshiva high school with 75 students.

He said that the major problem currently is a shortage of buildings to meet the demand for dispersed community schools. Collection of onlv$7,000 000 of a hoped-for $11,000,000 in the annual Los Angeles drive will result in a smaller educational budget, he said.

San Francisco reported a weekday enrollment of 265 students and a Sunday enrollment of 1,335 in schools assisted by the Jewish Education Society, Alfred B. Karp, JES president reported. He lauded the work of Dr. Alexander Kohanski, superintendent of Jewish education, in supervising the curriculum of all synagogue schools in the city except that of Reform Temple Emanu-El.

Some 2,700 children are enrolled in these schools, but Dr. Dinin cited an estimated 8,000 school age children in the San Francisco Jewish community and claimed that community was far below a reasonable standard in Jewish school enrollment.

An invitation to Dr. Philip L. Seman to assume the chairmanship of the Region administrative board has been accepted by the veteran Jewish Center leader, long active as head of the Jewish Peoples Institute in Chicago and now retired in Los Angeles. He is teaching at the Los Angeles Branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the University of Judaism.

New president of the region is Judge Irvin Stalmaster, attorney and former president of the Western States Region of the National Jewish Welfare Board. He succeeds Dr. Harold G. Trimble of Oakland who has headed the education association region since its first two years of existence.

Canada Lake Named For Jewish RCAF Hero

National Jewish Post

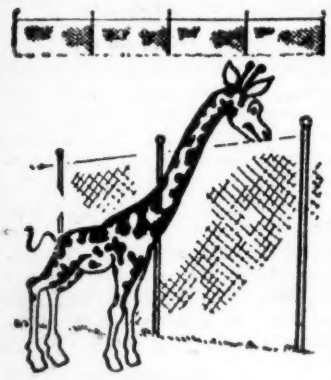
MONTREAL — Stock Lake in Saskatchewan has been named in memory of a Jewish officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Jewish Congress announced this week.

Flying Officer Morley B. Stock of Regina, Sask. was killed on his 23rd mission over occupied Europe on Feb. 18, 1945. He was 23, and had served four years with the RCAF. Two brothers were on active service with the Regina Rifles and the Royal Canadian Engineers.

F/O Stock's name was recommended by Saskatchewan's Department of Natural Resources. The Canadian Geographic Board, which passes on names suggested for the country's many nameless lakes and rivers, approved it. Stock Lake will be marked on new maps of the area this year, his father was informed recently.

Israel Plant Making Philco Refrigerators

HAIFA—Manufacture of Philco refrigerators has begun here and production is proceeding at the rate of 500 a month, a spokesman for the company announced this week. Since the end of November there have been daily deliveries to gift recipients. Philco International Corp. acts as selling agents in the United States.



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THE SPORTS WHIRL

Notes Of A Departing Sports Columnist, With Reasons for Exit

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

THIS piece is in the nature of a "farewell to sports," beause this is to be my last sports column in the pages of the POST. There are a variety of reasons why I find that I can no longer continue to contribute this column to a vital weekly Jewish newspaper. Some of the reasons are a strong tribute to the influence of the POST. I'd like to enumerate them.

First, reader reaction is so great that I find myself answering letters for information which take too many man-hours to work over. Second—and this surprised me—so many people knew that I was writing the column that I began to worry that I was about to be "typed" as a sport writer. There is, of course, nothing wrong with writing sports; it is another thing to be typed along these lines, particularly when my major interest is Jewish literature, not Jewish athletes. In a word, this column, because it was appearing in a paper which seems to be closely read, over-shadowed some of the other work—which I consider more important—I was doing.

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IT IS, OF COURSE, nothing for the reader to worry about, but the work involved in gathering material for such a column—reading obscure journals, scanning sports weeklies, monthlies and statistics, meeting with some athletes, and with spokesmen for various Jewish sporting groups—takes the kind of time and effort that an English-Jewish paper, unhappily and unfortunately, cannot pay for.

Which leads me, and most people who write for the English-Jewish press, to a partial sermon on the state of English-Jewish journalism in the United States. I do not propose to overburden the sports reader with the financial woes of the edtors of most of the English-Jewish papers, but I am confident that it is the fault of the Jewish reader—or the Jews who don't read Jewish papers—that such papers as the POST must struggle along rather than find themselves in a position to extend their influence among Jewish communities in the United States. There are few, if any, English-Jewish newspapers in the United States which enjoy the independence or influence of the POST.

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It has been, therefore, an enriching experience to have contributed to it for nearly a year. I want to thank both Ben Gallob and Gabriel Cohen for printing each column I have sent to Indianapolis, without censoring a line (except for one item which lawyers told them might make trouble for the POST). I also want to thank the many readers who informed me, in one way or another, that the column pleased them. But now, I think, I would like those self-same readers to realize that as managing editor of CONGRESS WEEKLY, I have other, and I hope, larger interests than Jews in sports. So—thanks for your time—and let's hope we may meet again.

DIGEST OF YIDDISH PRESS

MARGOSHES SLAPS WRITER IN COMMENTARY FOR SELF-HATE

By RABBBI SAMUEL SILVER

IN the DAY, Dr. S. Margoshes tries hard to write calmly about the confessed self-hatred which Clement Greenberg reveals in a recent "Commentary" article. Greenberg, former editor of the "Partisan Review" and art editor of "The Nation," admits his discomfiture as a Jew and opines that even "positive" Jews despise their inferior status within their heart of hearts.

SILVER

Margoshes dismisses Greenberg's criminal comparison of "nationalism" and nazi chauvinism, but reminds him that every person belongs to a group and that Greenberg's desire to regard his Jewishness as something as personal as love is sociologically unsound. The best way to overcome a feeling of inferiority is still to accept one's identity and thus derive satisfaction from one's status, Margoshes tells the self-hater.

In his article, Greenberg constantly equates positive Jewishness with chauvinism; Margoshes characterizes this as a phobia. Let Greenberg hate himself if he wants to, implies Margoshes; but why must he transfer this feeling to all of the Jewish people? The "Commentary" article reminds Margoshes about the man who came to a psychoanalyst with the announcement that he was suffering from an inferiority complex. After chatting with the man, the psychoanalyst said: "You haven't got an inferiority complex. What you've got is just inferiority."

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Israel Doesn't Forget Victims of 'Patria'

Israel does not forget. On Nov. 26, the port of Haifa was the scene of a memorial service for the martyrs of the "Patria," the vessel full of nazi victims whom the British let drown within sight of the Holy Land.

Somber-faced Israelis listened to the El Moleh Rachamin and tossed fresh flowers into the sea where ten years ago the bodies of the 'Patria" passengers had gone to their watery graves. (David Flinker, the JOURNAL)

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The Man Who Never Became A Personage

A. Almi, the DAY'S humorist, declares that he cannot face his family and friends these days. They have expected him to become an important personage ever since the first editor of the DAY, Herman Bernstein, who hired Almi, was appointed minister to Albania.

When Israel became independent, and Almi's childhood chum, Barney Joseph (Dr. Dov Joseph), became a cabinet member and other former writers and melamdim (Hebrew teachers) became ministers, his friends were sure that Almi would soon land a big job.

But nothing happened. And now Anna Rosenberg, who worked side by side with Almi in the United Palestine Appeal office, has been appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense! So how can poor Almi go home and face his folks without some kind of government portfolio? He hopes that his friend Anna, who is at least half Jewish, will think of something that will save him from the shame of not being some kind of a minister.

Queen Mary Gives Chanukah Gift Shawl!

LONDON (WNS)—A seventy-yearold Jewish woman, widow of the late Rabbi Porte, has received a lace shawl as a Chanukah gift from the Dowger Queen Mary of England, it was disclosed here this week.

Mrs. Porte is an inmate of the Jewish Home for the Aged, which the Queen has visited on frequent occasions despite her advanced age. On one of her visits to the institution, the Queen entered into a conversation with Mrs. Porte and when Chanukah came around she sent her the gift in remembrance of that meeting. Rabbi Porte, born in Lithuania, had for many years been rabbi in this city.

Chess Master Back

SAMUEL RESHEVSKY

Back From The Chess Wars

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Reshevsky Returns As Chess Runner-Up

NEW YORK—Samuel Reshevsky of Brooklyn returned to the United States last week with second place honors in the recent international chess tournament in Amsterdam.

He represented the United States among the 20 masters who took part in the tournament, won by Miguel Majdorf of Buenos Aires.

None of Reshevsky's 19 opponents were able to win from him, but Majdorf took first prize. The Brooklyn chess master won nine games and ten drawn.

Reshevsky said he was interested in a match with Najdorf but that no steps had been taken to arrange such a contest.

N. J. Teachers College OKs Hebrew For Credit

NEWARK, N. J.—The Montclair State Teachers College of Montclair said this week it will henceforth accept Hebrew for foreign language entrance requirements.

Notification of the new policy was sent to the Jewish Education Association of Essex county. More than 760 American colleges now accept Hebrew for that requirement.

HUC Educator Wins Lone Fight At D.C. Meet On Religion Issue

WASHINGTON—A one-man fight at the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth brought out a strong stand for the traditional American policy of separation of church and state.

The battle was waged by Dr. Abrham N. Franzblau, dean of the Hebrew Union College of Education and Sacred Music and Professor of Pastoral Psychiatry at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the American Reform Seminary.

PROPOSAL BEATEN

Dr. Franzlau's intervention defeated proposals recommending religion in the public schools and furnished one of the highlights of debate at the White House parley.

He spoke against the recommendations emerging from one of the 35 workshops, and proposed a specific demand for reaffirmation of the basic separation policy.

His proposal was adopted by a two to one vote after a two-hour debate. The argument was touched off when Dr. Franzlau, one of 5,000 delegates, rose from the floor to offer a substitute motion after the workshop proposals were introduced.

A BIG BATTLE

Federal Security Agency head Oscar R. Ewing ruled, as chairman, that the substitute motion was out of order. Dr. Franzblau appealed and the conference overruled the chair by one vote.

Canada Y Champs Lose Cage Opener

National Jewish Post

MONTREAL — The YMHA Blues, 1950 Dominion basketball champions, lost their first game of this season last week. McGill trimmed them 58-50.

The college team scored ten points during the first few minutes of play and the Y never recovered from the setback. Lou Endman and Asher Garbuz each scored 10 for McGill. Tissenbaum, who played with the Y last year, scored 9. Injuries kept "Moose" Tolchinsky, Y and Maccabiah veteran, and now scoring star from McGill, out of the game.

McGill's coach is Moe Abramovitz, Montreal business man. Like all the university teams with the exception of the football squad, the cage outfit has no full-time coaching. The football team has had professional coaches only since 1947.

In last week's match, the Y's outstanding scorers were Ben Lands (14 points) and Murray Waxman (13 points). Both played for Canada in the last Olympics and in the Maccabiah.

BRESSLER HONORED

CHICAGO—Max Bressler, president of the Zionist Organization of Chicago, will be honored at a testimonial dinner Jan. 7 at the Sherman Hotel for his contributions to the U. S. Jewish community.

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Toronto Rabbi Apologizes To Christians For Carols Sermon

Feinberg Shocked By Vigor Of Reaction; Denies Asked Ban

TORONTO—Shocked by the strong reaction of Toronto Christians to a sermon on Christmas carols in public schools, Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg explained publicly last week that he had not asked a ban on such carols.

The explanation was made in the form of publication in the Toronto Daily Telegram of the text of his sermon last Friday at his Holy Blossom Temple.

In a statement, Rabbi Feinberg said he had dealt with the issue of the separation of church and state and that he had mentioned Christmas carols "as one exmple of his theoretical principle."

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He said that he did not make any concrete proposal "to ban them and suggested rather that the subject is a matter for discussion. The intense public response to that sermon has stirred me to the depths."

"In all my ministry, nothing has brought me more pain than the disturbance which the sermon apparently has aroused in the hearts of truly devout, earnest Christians in whom the Christmas tradition is deeply embedded," the young Reform rabbi asserted.

He said that he was "sorrow-stricken" at the thought that he might have hurt the sensibilities of Chrisian children.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND

"Just because I have devoted mylife to the ideal of brotherhood as the root concept of the Judeo-Christian teaching, I am shaken if I have confused many Christians who shared that endeavor with me," he said.

He said that his heart ached with regret "that anyone in the Christian community misinterperted my sermon as an attack on that faith," and that he was "sorry beyond words if I have caused discord."

"In all humility, as one human being to friends, I assure my Christian friends that I have not departed in the slightest degree from the ideals with which I hope they have identified me during these seven years of my work in Toronto."

RABBI FEINBERG
Into The Buzz-Saw

FIRST THINGS FIRST

He said that whatever he believed about theories of public education, "I believe even more deeply in the need and possibility of human brotherhood and in the Fatherhood of God, to Whom we are all erring children."

"In the spirit of the Christmas season, and in response to the clear voice of my own conscience, I ask the Christian community to believe that I have the most profound respect and reverence for the sanctity of the faith which they hold dear," Rabbi Feinberg said.

Lynn Schools OK Abstention Of Jewish Pupils In Yule Fetes

National Jewish Post

LYNN, Mass.—School superintendent Ernest Stephens has issued a ruling to permit Jewish children to abstain from participating in all Christmas programs in the local public schools.

The ruling, issued to all principals and teachers, came after Jewish religious and educational leaders met with Stephens. They explained that Jewish children participating in Christmas activities felt they were untrue to their Jewish heritage. The parents added that if the children did not take part in such activities, they were made to feel they were defying school discipline.

Jewish parents were informed of the ruling through a special letter mailed to all Jewish homes by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater Lynn.

The letter was signed by Rabbi Harburg of Reform Temple Beth-El, Rabbi Samuel Zaitchik, of Orthodox Congregation Ahabat Shalom, Benjamin Olanoff, president of the local UJA, Dr. Jacob Loewenbach, principal of the Lynn Talmud Torah, Murray Lichenstein, principal of the Peretz Yiddish school, and Hyman Addis, chairman of the Committee on Jewish Education.

The ruling recalled a similar arrangement worked out by officials of the Camden Jewish community last year, which aroused a storm of protest from Jewish parents in Camden.

Mpls. Jr. Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Unique Chanukah Home Lighting Contest

By LEWIS N. GINSBERG
National Jewish Post Correspondent

MINNEAPOLIS—(NJP)—Results were anaounced this week in the only city-wide Chanukah Lighting Contest in the United States sponsored by a Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Now two years old, the annual contest for homes most effectively decorated in the spirit of the Festival of Lights was developed out of a suggestion from Rabbi Morris Gordon, spiritual leader of Adath Jeshurun Congregation

Sponsors of an annual Christmas Lighting Contest for Minneapolis homes, the Junior Chamber of Commerce incorporated the Chanukah program into the work of its Christmas Activities committee.

Eugene Peterson, chariman of the Chanukah contest program, told The POST that with the kinks of the inaugural contest removed, this year's event "surpassed all expectations."

"The contest reached such proportions that it required almost as much time from the committee as does our yearly Christmas event," Peterson said.

Contest announcements were distributed through religious and Sunday schools. Preliminary judging in both family and children's divisions was done by committees named by the city's synagogues. Judging of the 10 finalists was handled by Junior Chamber of Commerce officials. The Minneapolis Conference of Jewish Womens Organizations and an appointee of Rabbi Gordon served as advisors to the contest committee.

Mrs. J. L. Linoff, winner in the family division, had colored photographs taken of the decorations and, has presented them to the Minneapolis Public Library in book form. Twelve-year-old Barbara Dockman was awarded first prize in the children's division.

Yule Broadcast Planned In Israel

JERUSALEM—Three special Christmas programs will be broadcast by Christian communities in Israel this year.

The Protestant communities will have a program from the Jerusalem YMCA on Saturday, December 23, from 515 to 1600 hours (Israel time). Catholic services from Nazareth will be broadcast at midnight, December 24. On Christmas morning from 10 to 1100 hours, there will be a program from one of the Protestant churches in Jerusalem.

Canada BB, CJFWF Sponsor Aid Conclave

National Jewish Post

MONTREAL—B'nai B'rith of Canada and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds are among the sponsors of the National Conference for Israel, it was announced this week. The Canadian counterpart of the Washington fund-raising conference will take place on Jan. 21 and 22 in Montreal.

Other sponsors, announced in an earlier issue of The POST are the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the Zionist groups: Zionist Organization of Canada, Labour Zionist Organization of Canada, Mizrachi (religious Zionist) Organization of Canada and their affiliated women's associations.

Chicago Ambijan Office Reported Shut Down

CHICAGO (WNS)—The local office of AmbiJan, an American Jewish organization, dedicated to the raising of funds for institutions in the alleged Jewish autonomous region of Biro-Bidjan in Soviet Russia, has closed down, it was reported here.

The move is believed presaging the dissolution of the entire organization in the United States, in the opinion of informed sources. According to some reports the so-called Jewish Republic in Biro-Bidjan has long ceased to exist.

SCHOOL THAT SPURNED OFFER FROM BIGOT GETS $45,000 IN GIFTS

WASHINGTON, Miss.—More than $45,000 has come in as gift offerings to tiny Jefferson Military College in support of its refusal to accept a multi-million dollar gift from a wealthy bigot.

The school received nation-wide attention last year when it was offered half of the mineral rights on 26,000 acres of the Mississippi holdings of Judge George Armstrong. The undeveloped land is potentially worth more than 50 million dollars.

Armstrong attached some strings to his offer—that the school must bar Jews and Negroes and teach white supremacy. After some hesitation, which board members asserted stemmed from the fact that Armstrong did not make all his conditions immediately known, the school turned down the offer.

Checks for sums from $1 to $50 have been coming in the mail since. The total hasn't solved the school's problems entirely, but the trustees have high hopes.

Rabbi Lipis Resigns Pulpit In Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rabbi Philip L. Lipis of Temple Beth Abraham here has resigned to take the pulpit of a new Conservative congregation, North Suburban Congregation Beth El in Highland Park, a Chicago suburb.

No successor has been named yet by the 42-year-old Oakland congregation, where Rabbi Lipis has been spiritual leader since 1947. He will leave Oakland in January.

Conservative Guest At Reform Ceremony

SHARON, Pa.—The 175 families of Temple Beth Israel dedicated their new synagogue last week in three days of ceremonies, which included an unexpected guest appearance by Maxwell Abell of Chicago, president of the Conservative United Synagogue of America.

Chief speaker was Dr. Samuel H. Goldenson, world Reform leader, who gave the dedicatory sermon.

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